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Clark County Regional Support Network Policy Statement

Policy No.: CM09
Policy Title: Involuntary Treatment Services
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Policy: Clark County Regional Support Network shall provide designated mental health professionals (DMHP's) for implementation of the Involuntary Treatment Act RCW. 71.05, 71.34 and evaluation as required under RCW 10.77 Criminally Insane Act. These services include all the administrative functions required for the evaluation for involuntary detention or involuntary treatment of individuals in accordance with statutory requirements. This includes all evaluation and monitoring services, and costs related to court filing fees and transportation costs incurred when a consumer requests a jury trial.

Reference: Washington State Mental Health Division Inter-Local Agreement, RCW 71.34, 71.05 and 10.77, DSHS Protocols for Designated Mental Health Professionals (DMHP); WAC 388-865-0500, CCRSN Policy and Procedure QM18 Sentinel Event Review and Negative Media Coverage and CM05 Single Bed Certification

Procedure:

1. Clark County RSN contracts with Columbia River Mental Health Services for involuntary detention and treatment as defined by statute. CC RSN shall designate individuals employed by the contracted agency to perform the duties as Designated Mental Health Professionals if they meet eligibility standards. Designation process is as follows:
 - a) The agency requests formal designation through a letter to CCRSN which outlines staff education, experience and credentials for compliance with requirements outlined in statute. CCRSN reviews the application and designates the individual to function as a DMHP. CCRSN sends a designation letter with a signed identification card.
 - b) The designation of DMHP is for the length of time that the individual is actively performing the duties outlined in the statutes. Designation is terminated at the time of agency reassignment or termination of employment. The provider agency must inform CCRSN of any change in status and the identification card must be returned to CCRSN.
 - c) The County reserves the right to rescind designation for reasons determined not to be in compliance with the requirements of CCRSN, including but not limited to: violation of employment policies of the contracting agency; or the inability to perform the duties of a designated mental health professional.
2. The provider agency will insure that DMHP's perform their duties in compliance with the Mental Health Division Protocols for Designated Mental Health Professionals.

3. The provider agency shall inform CCRSN and provide documentation of need for single bed certifications within Clark County in accordance with CCRSN Policy and Procedure CM05 Single Bed Certification.
4. The provider agency and DMHP's work with the CCRSN Hospital Liaison and provide monitoring for all CCRSN consumers discharged from inpatient psychiatric units on Conditional Release (CR) or less restrictive alternative court order (LRA) or CCRSN funded consumers. This includes keeping a master list of all consumers on either CR or LRA's; providing a copy of client's rights; and monitoring their progress in accordance with the conditions of the court order. Consumers may be detained:
 - a) For 14 days or until clear
 - b) For an extension beyond 14 days pending placement or imminent stability
 - c) On a civil commitment for 90 days if not cleared after 14 days or extension.
5. The agency must inform CCRSN of any sentinel events per CCRSN Policy QM18 Sentinel Event Review and Negative Media Coverage.

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